



ARENA REPORT



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Hello everyone and welcome to another round of "AR". I'd like to offer a special welcome to the people in Central Florida who inquired about this newsletter after reading my letter to the editor of The Weekly. My goal wasn't to get new subscribers but hey, I'm not complaining. For you regulars that don't know what I'm talking about, I'll fill you in when it's "Ramblings" time. This issue features a live report from the Suncoast Pro Wrestling TV tapings that were held on 3/2 at the Manatee Civic Center. Scott Hudson offers something a little different from his computer keys in his journal. Evan Ginzburg talks about the latest UWF tapings, the Vince angle, among other things in "A Piece Of My Mind". We have a special column from Dr. Mike Lano titled "The Dr.'s Prescription Pad". (Subtitled "It's My 2....Front Teeth".) Speaking of which, the ever popular Mike Terry is by with his 2-cents to pay Lano for his two front teeth. We have the first columnist profile this issue which features GAS co-host Scott Hudson. Some minor notes on Wrestle War (since it's old news by now), "Correspondent's Corner", and letters round this baby out.

Next issue will be dated 3/18. I just heard that Eddie Mansfield is running a couple of shows in towns nearby at high school gyms. I may attend one of those if they come off so expect a live report on that. Mansfield runs the "Continental Lover's School of Pro Wrestling" but I hear he has hooked up with what is left of the Florida office and it won't be just his students on the card. Not bad for a guy who exposed the business and denounced wrestling. Now he's making a buck charging ring wannabees. Marianne Ryan will be here to take a look at the NWA. Klon will once again grace our presence with his mushroom talk. And old man Mr. Regularity Scott Hudson will stop in from the Peach State. (Hey, after a while it gets tough trying to intro these characters

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Well, due to an illness in the family (me), I didn't make it to the Suncoast taping. In talking to two different sources, it got mixed reviews. One person said I was lucky I didn't make the two hour jaunt and the other said it was a great show. All different tastes I guess. Did hear that Dick Slater and Tommy Rogers had a real good bout and Rex King and Lou Perez looked decent as well. soooooo, with missing that report in mind, I will open this issue up with everyone's fave "Ramblings" where I will include my opinions on Wrestle War. Let's dive in.

RAMBLINGS

Not much in the way of big news but lots of little tidbits.....Joel Goodheart's show in Philly on 3/2 drew an estimated 1,200 people. The original Sheik worked with Abdullah and you guessed it, major blood bath. When jobbers entered the ring to break it up, Sheik was blading them. Not kidding. He could have at least used a separate blade for each guy. Sick man..... Cactus Jack pinned Eddie Gilbert in a bout where falls counted anywhere. Jack did a move of the night when he sunset flipped Gilbert from the ring apron. Talk of bringing these guys back for a barbed wire match in May.....Terry Funk wrestle Jerry Lawler in a lumberjack but they had fans as the lumberjacks. They were allowed to throw the wrestlers back in but were told by Joel that if they got out of hand, Lawler and Funk could retaliate. The lumberjacks were not plants... Al Perez upset Stan Lane who had Jim Cornette in his corner.....Ivan Koloff beat Manny Fernandez with help from Nikita in a chain match. Probably Nikita's last indy date since he'll start with WCW full time.....TBS taping to air on 3/9 will see Buddy Landell face Tom Zenk. Terry Taylor will interfere DQing Landell. Bobby Eaton makes the save and he and Z Man clear the ring. They bump into each other, turn around but don't come to blows or shake hands. Too bad they don't keep Bobby a heel. The York Foundation would be great with Landell, Eaton, and Taylor. What talent all in one stable. I like the Big "Bubba" Cat gimmick too. Just can't believe Jim Ross is acting like he don't know who he is.....Also on TBS, Ricky Morton beats Joey Maggs, Ranger Ross over Rip Rogers ends the show. Afterwards, Jim Ross is interviewing Ross when a maniacal Ric Flair hits the set and destroys the good ranger and does what I was told, his best interview in along time.....During the taping while Paul E was talking, a chant of "We want Missy". rang out. Paul E. said, "If you get \$10.00 out of your wallet, you can have her.".....I enjoyed "Wrestle War". Not a bad match on the card. I'd have to rate Young Pistols vs. Royal Family worse only because it went too long.....War Games was excellent. Barry Windham looked like he took a paintbrush and dipped it in red paint to cover his face. Pillman was awesome but I don't think it's smart to push him vs. Sid. Granted Sid sucks, no ifs, ands, or buts. But (I thought I said no buts.) realistically, it looks like Sid will kill the guy.....Larry Z was thrown right into the frying pan. Did a decent job too. But then I see he's on the losing end of mid-card tag bouts with Dutch Mantell.....You can add Sunshine and Angel of Death to the Freebird clan and you'd have a close resemblance to the Manson clan. Please toss Big Daddy Dink.....Nikita needs to brush up on his russian accent. But I guess he can't do that when he lives in North Carolina. If you are going to say that, then don't push the communist crap.....Felt bad for Jim Ross when he asked that kid who his favorite team in the War Games was and the kid said Doom. Huh?.....Loved Miss A's shoot kicks. Boy did those Japanese women win the live crowd over or what..... Now that the Steiners are the World Tag champs (They were three weeks ago.) who will they defend against? There are no heel teams to speak of. How about bringing in Gordy and Dr. Death. Wow. The thought blows my mind..... Did you catch Barry Windham's interview in "WCW This Week". Sounded like a tweener to me. Or a babyface turn upcoming. If you think about it, who do they have Flair to feud with after Herman Munster. (Loved that line from Larry Z this weekend.).....SUPER BRAWL '91 will be held in St. Petersburg on May 19th after all. They were trying to move it to Charleston, SC but the arena wouldn't allow them to do the fireworks. Heard the papers with the Bayfront Center were signed this past Sunday. For those planning on coming down for the show, I should have ticket info next issue.....I see where Jim Herd has agreed to debate Dave Meltzer, Steve Beverly, and Wade Keller on the 900 line. He expects there to be 25,000 calls. Is he kidding. The only people that will call will be the hardcores and I can't possibly think there are that many of us out there. I know I'll call. I won't make any calls the whole month of April so I can listen all night while the sheet boys tear Herd apart..... Why are the Young Pistols being billed from Wyoming? They went from Southern Boys to Western Boys. They've still alienated the northeast.....Why was a WWF Wrestling Buddies commercial airing right before "WCW Main Event"? The braintrust at TBS continues to amaze me.....Rick Martel missed shots this weekend due to the death of his sister. Our condolences are with Rick and his family.....NWF took a one day trip to Greece to run in Athens before 5,500 on 2/28. Abdullah went to a double DQ with Jules Strongbow, Wendy Richter downed Angel of Death (Not Dave Sheldon) who was trained by Bam Bam Bigelow and said to be real bad. Larry Winters and Dusty Wolf appeared as a tag team. Cousin Luke pinned Cheetah Kid Ted Petty.....Tour of New Zealand skedded from 3/30-4/14 with Bushwhackers vs. Nasty Boys, Jim Powers vs. Steve Lombardi, Koko Ware vs. The Genius, Don Muraco, Abbuda Dein and others as well..... Bob Costas will not appear at WRESTLEMANIA. He doesn't feel right about making the appearance. Probably realizes the bad publicity that will come of it.....Sports Illustrated scheduled to do a piece on Vince McMahon. Not sure if it's pro or con.....Ferk has sold her story about Ricki Lawless to Hustler magazine.....Someone wanted some background on Barry Hardy last issue. He was trained by Larry Sharpe. Barry's uncle is the backer of the MAWA which is probably why he is a tag team champion. Barry is the one who trained Duane

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A PIECE OF MY MIND BY EVAN GINZBURG

Greetings Arena Reportees! E.G. here with another piece of my mind...

Why all the **shock** and **horror** over Vince McMahon & the Slaughter angle? Here's a guy who's turned his back (and in a sense **encouraged**) steroid abuse by basically saying "big equals bucks." Yeah, great guy. Add to the "rap sheet" his crushing small promotions (i.e. his recent legal suits against the Herb Abrams' UWF), and his painful commercialization and trivialization of a once great wrestling federation, and you don't have one of the great humanitarians of our time. Sure, every kid in America knows who Jake "The Snake" is, but is that necessarily a good thing?

Just back from the UWF tapings in NYC. Due to some monetary losses in recent months, it was a stripped down show, with fewer names. I happened to enjoy it better than the last taping as seeing Cactus Jack 3X in one nite and in an angle is certainly a plus. Orndorff-Williams had a lumberjack match with a screw-job ending that left the fans howling "bullshit!" A big disappointment, although the same fans were screaming with delight when they announced next month's (3/10) cage match between these two. Right about now the UWF's just a decent indie with strong managers (Albano/Tolos) & a handful of name stars ...they still have a long way to go, but pushing young guys like Cactus is a strong start.

Speaking of John Tolos & The Captain, Lou Albano, I conducted **extensive** interviews with them which will appear in the next 2 issues of Wrestling-Then & Now (\$1.25/\$12 a year to PO Box 471 Oakland Gardens Station- Flushing, NY 11364). Albano talks about everything from the golden age of wrestling to politics and Judaism! Tolos discusses his role in the first closed circuit extravaganza versus Blassie which was the forefather of today's Pay Per View's. Both share wild road stories and talk about the legends they have worked with. Please check out my sheet! You won't be disappointed...

Matches I'd like to see at Wrestlemania- Meltzer vs. McMahon (hey, both those guys are built-- could be good!), Leighton vs. LeMieux & Bush vs. Saddam. All would generate more heat than what they've got lined up!

I hope the Mexican & Japanese guys continue to get more of a push here in the U.S. Great potential there...

I marvelled at the report that Mike Rotundo was not happy with his \$3,000 a week offer from WCW. Here's a guy with great natural ability, but who **rarely** puts on anything more than a 3* match. Seems to me the guy's always holding back something, because I always get the feeling he should be better than he is. I for one can take him or leave him...

Was Ron serious when he gave Flair-Scott Steiner 3½* at the last Clash? I know we as hardcores are **supposed** to love everything Flair does, and he is certainly my favorite wrestler along with Funk, but that was the biggest disappointment I've ever seen- maybe a 2½* sleepwalk. Sorry, Ron- something goes in print it's open to rebuttal...

Does anyone still care about the Freebirds? Sad...

I think there's more good sheets out now than ever. Since '90 was a horrendous year for wrestling, I think there's a direct correlation. If people can't get their wrestling fix live, they can **at least** read about the stuff.

When I interviewed Tolos, the "mark" that remains buried deep inside of me somewhere said "This is the nastiest most sadistic dude I've ever seen in the ring but he's **SO NICE!!!**" A strange feeling...

Anyway, always remember that wrestling is spelling T-O-L-O-S. Or is it L-E-M-I-E-U-X? I forget sometimes...

Catch you all next month!

COLUMNIST PROFILE: Scott Hudson

I am a 26 year-old native Georgian who has been a wrestling fan since attending my first live show in 1969 at the Griffin (Georgia) Sports Barn. The main event that night was The Assassin vs. Dick Steinborn with the winner having to use the Japanese Nerve Hold finisher. The Assassin's mask was on the line against \$1000 put up by Steinborn. It was a double disqualification and I was hooked.

As far as personal information is concerned, I have an A.S. in Sociology from Abraham College, a B.S. in Criminal Justice from Valdosta State College, and a M.S. in Criminology from Albany State College.

I am currently, and for the past 5 years have been, a Field Operations Officer with the State Board of Pardons and Paroles in Atlanta. Basically, I put people in prison.

My first serious shot at writing came in 1981 when I was named editor of the Tift County High School newspaper, The Forked Tongue. Following that, I was a disc jockey for WSGY-FM, a 100,000 watt station in Tifton, Georgia. I hosted a 7:00PM to midnight show five nights per week for 3½ years. I am currently the radio voice of the Tiftarea Academy Panthers on WTIF-AM during the season. I am also, as of January 5, 1991, the co-host of the Georgia All-Star Wrestling television show along with Joe Pedicino. Along with that, I do a three minute "Fan's Perspective" every Saturday night on "Superstars of Wrestling" on Channel 69 WVEU-TV in Atlanta.

Most important of all, I am planning my June 15, 1991, wedding to Deborah Baldwin, a beautiful, brunette Speech/Language Pathologist from Tucker, Georgia. It will no doubt disappoint Jeff Zinger, The Sick Canuck, the learn that she is 26 years old, thereby making her old enough to be the mother of most of Jeff's girlfriends. (Sorry, Jeff.)

I really appreciate the positive response to the Georgia Wrestling Journal and I hope that you continue to enjoy it as much as I enjoy doing it.

Scott Hudson

THE DR'S PRESCRIPTION PAD

by Dr. Mike Lano

I wanted to apologize to all "AR" readers for using the same "I Can't Stop Bowling...." title in Torch's yearbook, as in my exclusive one-pager here in "AR". Everyone wanted a Japan report. "The David" (my nickname for old pal Dave Meltzer) and I are going again to Japan March 8th through the Tokyo Starcade show. So if anyone wants any goodies, pipe up.

For the Cauliflower Alley Dinner in Studio City March 23rd, I've got Jim Cornette, Chris Cruise is working on getting Bruno, and I'm nagging Dave to get Pampero Firpo. With Tolos, Piper, Thesz, and Terry Funk there plus many more, it should be an audible night. As for Sunday the 24th-is there really anything happening that day? Heard McMahon is moving the event again. Now from the Sports Arena to the 500 seat Hollywood Club Lingerie. And half are papered comps. Just kiddin'.

Here I am with my first appearance on John Arezzi's radio Spotlight Show, ready to go over an hour, when Honkeytonk Man calls from the airport and I get cut 50 minutes. Ferris had some important additions to his last appearance and said the problem with Herb Abrams and the UWF was insufficient funds. With L.S.'s letter RE: stop payment on his payckeck, and Arezzi never getting paid fairly for the hard P.R. work he did- I give Abrams and his wife only a few more months. Noticeably less talent flown in, but Tolos managing Cactus and Orton was tremendous, as were Williams and Orndorff. Abby helped Cactus get his first tour for Baba. Hooray! Next month Herb promises a cage for his main event, but he's alienated two ring suppliers, let alone the only guy with a cage in the Northeast. Good luck to wrestling's answer to Jim and Tammy. There is no place for any more paranoid, paycheck cheats in our biz.

Hot Flash: Will Dusty hire Gilbert as Junior booker??? Missy being dangled as bait.

I thought Marianne Ryan's piece in the 2/4/91 issue was both insightful and enjoyable. No other column like it anywhere in the sheets and I usually flip to her stuff first, even before mine.

And that's it for the wrestling dentist. Now please pay the receptionist on your way out. Drill/Fill/Bill and Still Shill.

(Mike Lano offers free dentistry to all wrestlers and their families. Mike's opinions on the mat game appear periodically in these pages.)

IT'S MY 2-CENTS

by Mike Terry

It's been quite a month for pro wrestling, and the WWF is certainly hopeful that March will go out like a lion--er, excuse me, like a stealth bomber with a Wrestlemania victory that will rival the allied coalition's systematic dismantling of Saddam Hussein's forces. General Hogan (I'm surprised he hasn't claimed an IQ of 170) will pulverize the evil desert rat Slaughter and make Sarge eat the mat--symbolic of desert sand. Rumors hint at a Slaughter turn. Will that come at Wrestlemania or will there be patriot-scut encounters coast to coast and border to border? And from there, with Randy Savage theoretically out of main events, what will the standard bearer match be?

However you come down on the issue of WWF war exploitation, the sell job for Wrestlemania VII seems quite solid. But I wonder if even the densest marks (your redundancy of the day) have any doubt that Hogan will win. And if you're sure of the result, will you pay 30 bucks to see it? Woops--30 bucks is certainly fair when you consider that Regis Philbin will be there. And--ooh--let's hope Tom Arnold does his standup routine.

On the other hand, Wrestlewar was sure worth my money. I thoroughly enjoyed the major matches and feel this was perhaps the best planned WCW/NWA PPV event in years. Dusty Rhodes (and I'm choking as I write this) deserves a lot of credit for this one. But it wasn't just Dusty that brought this one home, it was the entire crew--especially the wrestlers--who busted their butts to make it happen. My congratulations! It'll be hard for anyone to top the job that was been done in getting Brian Pillman over as a major star. Absolutely brilliant in its execution.

In the double cage match, the camera work was as good as it could be under difficult circumstances. They caught what they were supposed to, even though that meant other high spots were missed. And the Missy-Hansen segment was just the kind of comedy relief that I like. But why didn't Muta wrestle?

Jeez, and Dusty didn't really irritate me that much on color commentary. And I had all these nasty things to say about him--about how his relentless push of himself would soon have us inundated with Dusty Rhodes merchandise such as condo lunch pails (Dust-man size), and Dusty Rhodes inaction figures. Oh well, maybe next month.

I've got a point to bring up about the WCW magazine. I am a subscriber. The most recent magazine arrived mid-February. Up to date articles and coverage? Guess again. It wrote of the UPCOMING January 11th match at the Meadowlands between Flair and Sting. It was written more than a month before it arrived in my mailbox, thus neither acknowledged Flair's regaining the title nor was it able to push Wrestlewar. What gives here, kids?

The WWF's tag team battle royal sure was a lame way to decide such a supposedly important slot at Wrestlemania. Now if they'd programmed some sort of tag tournament with the top contenders during the February sweeps it would have been both more exciting and more worthy of the "honor."

Quote of the month: from Gorilla Monsoon arguing with Heenan about the proposed studio audience for Prime Time: "We're not inviting them to see the Bolshevik Ballet!" Dah, Gorilla.

When will Hulk Hogan's "Urban Commando" flick launch its assault on our senses? Or has it imploded?.....Separated at birth: Lord Alfred Hayes and Barbara Bush.....I know Joe Pedocino will realize his fondest dreams for this sport and achieve glory and renown now that I've seen Festus the Hillbilly.....Would it be possible for all the major promotions to declare a moratorium on referee bumps?.....the crowd still seems into his act, but to me Jake Roberts is stale. He needs to shed his skin and overhaul his character.....Whatever happened to surprise heel turns? The Simmons turn was as blatant as Virgil's. Can anything ever top the Paul Orndorff turn on Hogan?.....I'm glad the WWF pulled the plug on Brother Love. It was a mercy killing.

Until next month, duh...certainly no question about that...duh...indeed...duh...that's a natural fact...duh...those 26 moveable vertebrae took a pounding that time...duh...I might just point out...duh...and a personal note, if you please...duh...help me, please!!! I've been Solie-ized!!!! Screw it, it's just my 2-cents.

WE GONNA GET...FUNKYLIKEAMONKEY!!! What in the hell does that mean!? Oh, no bother, welcome to issue fifteen of the Georgia Wrestling Journal. Read on (ATLANTA, GEORGIA)- The reason for

E2 Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1991 The Atlanta Journal and Constitution

GRAPPLING WITH THE ISSUES: The World Wrestling Federation claims its new champ, Sergeant Slaughter, just returned from Baghdad bearing spoils of victory conferred by none other than Saddam Hussein to mark his Jan. 19 title bout. In addition to a dinner in the new champ's honor, Saddam allegedly took time from what surely must be a hectic schedule to award the wrestler a pair of boots and a medal.

Steve Prazak and I began the "Wrestling Point/Counterpoint" on WVEU-TV in Atlanta on 02-23-91. It has met with very favorable reviews..It is very hard to believe that wrestling is more unpopular than PGA Seniors Golf..As you have read in Ron Lemieux's recap of the Titan tapings, the depths of bad taste know no bounds..Hope to see everyone in St. Petersburg on 05-19-91 for the PPV..Ron has the high-points of the 02-26-91 WCW tapings from Center Stage elsewhere in this ish ..Thanks to Steve Beverly for the nice comments about the work Steve Prazak

and I are doing on WVEU-TV..I have no idea how this is going to look in print, so I hope you can read everything..Dusty took the house mic at a recent Hawks game to praise the Celtics. We were playing the Trailblazers. What a guy..Later.

"WE'RE NUMBER 1! WE'RE NUMBER 1!"...

THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1991

Most popular spectator sports		Most unpopular spectator sports	
1. NFL football	39.1%	1. Pro wrestling	39.1%
2. College football	33.5%	2. LPGA golf	36.9%
3. Winter Olympics	31.1%	3. PGA Seniors golf	36.1%
4. Summer Olympics	31.0%	4. Pro boxing	36.2%
5. Major league baseball	30.7%	5. College wrestling	36.1%
6. High school football	24.0%	6. PGA golf	36.0%
7. NBA basketball	22.4%	7. Olympic boxing	35.6%
8. Women's figure skating	21.5%	8. Roly Derby	32.7%
9. Pair figure skating	21.5%	9. Arm wrestling	32.1%
10. Pairs ice dancing	21.4%	10. Minor league hockey	31.6%

Figures denote percentage of people who called the sport one of their favorites, or least favorites
Source: Sports Marketing Group

ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION HEADLINE OF THE WEEK

Nude Lemieux asks for fluoride execution

(I have no idea what this means. Must have been a typo.....)



Is Ric Flair running the White House?

PRO WRESTLER TALKED BUSH INTO SENDING TROOPS TO

Wrestling wild man Ric Flair has become one of President Bush's closest pals and political advisors — and it was Flair who persuaded Bush to send U.S. troops to Saudi Arabia!

High-ranking government sources confirmed the President launched Operation Desert Shield after the snarling ring villain urged him to "knock Saddam Hussein on his butt."

By MARK KRAMER

Special place for "Nature Boy"
 He at the head table and quipped
 flamed him extensively about
 his views on the Middle East
 crisis.

"We might still be photographing around, trying to decide whether to feed troops or not send weapons," said a spokesman. Mr. Bush to action, said an aide to North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms.

The White House refused to comment on the wrestling rivalry's role in foreign affairs, but a spokesman admitted that Bush and Fier are close personal friends.

At a recent fund-raising dinner, the President requested a

'Kick Saddam Hussein's butt, Nature Boy tells President

[illegible]

PRESIDENT Bush will ...
... ..

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Institute Grade School (PWF) Beckley, WV January 17, 1991
Correspondent: Leonard Sims

1) James Cluntz pinned Nightmare #1. 2) Hacker Hacksaw over The Hillbilly.
3) George South over Star Rider. 4) Italian Stallion retained his PWF title
turning back the Black Scorpion via DQ when George South interfered. 5) Star
Rider won a Bunkhouse Battle Royal. ATT: 150

Copps Coliseum (WWF) Hamilton, ONT January 26, 1991
Correspondent: George Wilkinson

1) Haku pinned Shane Douglas in 11:55. 2) Barbarian defeated Sam Houston in
4:13. 3) Davey Boy Smith beat the Warlord at 11:57. 4) Nasty Boys over
Bushwhackers at 13:36. 5) Undertaker upended the Big Boss Man in 10:24.
6) Jake Roberts over Rick Martel via count out in 4:32. 7) Roddy Piper beat
Mr. Perfect by count out at 8:09. 8) Hulk Hogan & Tugboat beat Dino Bravo &
Earthquake in 9:15.

Montreal Forum (WWF) Montreal, Que February 15, 1991
Correspondent: Francois Lalonde

1) Jimmy Snuka used the ropes to pin Greg Valentine. Fans were cheering
Greg and booing Snuka at the end. -** 2) Bushwhacker Butch over Kato of the
Orient Express when Butch used Fuji's cane. Luke was announced as having a
death in the family. * 3) Davey Boy Smith small packaged Warlord. Both
actually worked pretty hard. ** 4) Jake Roberts won over Rick Martel when
The Model was arguing with the ref and Jake came up from behind and DDT'd him.
*** 5) Undertaker pinned Tugboat after an elbow from the top rope. Dud.
6) Big Boss Man pinned Bobby Heenan in under a minute. Heenan subbed for
Hennig who was announced as injured. -** 7) Animal & Davey Boy Smith (sub for
Hawk who was said to have flight problems, boy, talk about no shows.) beat
Demolition. Everyone looked tired. 8) Sgt. Slaughter defeated Ultimate
Warrior in a cage with the help of Sherri and Randy Savage. Boring match.
Dud ATT: 11,842

Spud's Bar (MAWA) Baltimore, MD February 16, 1991
Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Stevie Valentino and Ricky Blues went to a DDQ when Blues was caught with
a foreign object thst Stevie brought into the ring. C 2) Lords of Darkness
beat Rude Crew when Pain pinned Kerry Davis. D 3) Bubba Monroe pinned Morgus
the Maniac. F 4) Cream Team over Hurricane Mitchell & Bobby Knight when Rip
Sawyer pinned Knight. ATT: 80

Providence Civic Center (WWF) Providence, RI March 1, 1991
Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Hacksaw Duggan beat Dino Bravo after hitting him with the 2x4 in 7:32.
2) Kerry Von Erich defeated the Barbarian via count out in 9:33. Kerry re-
versed a whip into the ring post and jumped back in the ring to beat the count.
3) Big Boss Man pinned Ted DiBiase in 4:26. Virgil was at ringside. When Ted
went to suplex BBM into the ring, Virgil tripped Ted and Boss Man came down
on top for the win. 4) Jimmy Snuka sunset flipped Koko Ware (sub for Martel)
in 10:25. Koko played heel. 5) Earthquake beat Jake Roberts via DQ in 15:04.
6) Rockers downed Orient Express in 16:42 when Michaels nailed Kato with a
flying bodypress. 7) Hulk Hogan won a battle royal in 13:46 when he eliminated
Earthquake. ATT: 5,500

Baltimore Civic Center (WCW) Baltimore, MD March 1, 1991
Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Buddy Landell pinned Ricky Morton after he crotched Ricky on the top rope.
C 2) Dustin Rhodes & Tim Horner defeated Larry Zbyszko & Dutch Mantell when
Dustin pinned Dutch after a bulldog. Rhodes flipped Bruce and friends the bird
when they were giving him some shit. Good babyface move. D 3) Sid Vicious
squashed Tommy Rich with a powerbomb. No grade. 4) Tom Zenk rolled up Bobby
Eaton when Bobby was distracted by Terry Taylor who was telling Bobby to get
more aggressive with Zenk. After the bout, Eaton slugged Taylor. C 5) Barry
Windham beat Ron Simmons. Butch Reed ran in and attacked Simmons. Barry came
from behind and rolled Butch up and they gave him the win over Simmons. Make
sense? No. D 6) Big Josh squished El Cubano. 7) Steiner Brothers beat
the Freebirds in a bout billed as just for the U.S. straps. Why not? Steiners
already have the world belts anyway. Garvin was double DDT'd. B 8) Lex
Luger small packaged Dan Spivey. D 9) Ric Flair beat Sting via DQ when Sting
clotheslined referee. Gigante was the guest ref but they had Pee Wee work as

Boston Garden (WWF)

Boston, MA

March 2, 1991

Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Greg Valentine reversed a figure four into a small package to upend Dino Bravo at 7:33. 2) Koko Ware ghostbusted Pete Doherty in 9:25. Koko even played heel vs. the Duke of Dorchester. 3) The Mountie beat Tugboat when Tugger missed a splash and Rougeau pinned him at 6:38. 4) Jake Roberts DDT'd Barbarian (sub for Martel) in 12:28. 5) The Rockers beat Nasty Boys via DQ when the Nasties used a boot at 21:13. Great match. 6) Kerry Von Erich pinned Ted DiBiase with help from Virgil at 5:52. 7) Undertaker tombstoned Jimmy Snuka at 4:12. 8) Legion of Doom won a handicap tag from Orient Express & Mr. Fuji at 8:57 when Kato did the job for the shoulder clothesline. 9) Hulk Hogan beat Earthquake in a stretcher match at 13:12 with the legdrop. Hulk juiced. ATT: 7,000

LETTERS TO "AR"

Missy Hyatt

I found it interesting that you, Jeff Zinger and J.Z. Travis all made reference to a certain part of Missy Hyatt's anatomy. Far be it for me to label those remarks sexist and tasteless. The three of you, along with all the other men out there are most welcome to appreciate what Missy has up front. But I find it interesting that when I comment on Missy's looks, I am labeled a jealous, stupid rat. I sincerely doubt you will be labeled anything but a normal male for doing the same. What a great world this is. When a woman comments on another woman, she's taking cheap shots. When a guy does it, he's just being a guy. Except for Eddie Ellner. In the last issue of "Sports Review Wrestling", he wrote the following, "With each word, Missy Hyatt diminishes the accomplishments of hard working career women who have busted hump to gain success. She is stupid, vacant, vacuous, vapid, and vulgar. And those gams are getting chunky while her looks keep flying further and further south." It's nice to know that at least one man can see beyond her obvious assets, even if that man is Ellner.

Marianne Ryan
Chicago, IL

RL- Marianne, you should have given the credit for that line to Bill Apter since Eddie Ellner only exists in Apter's mind.

The Angle

I think I'm in the majority when I say that I think it is sick that McMahon can make money off of people getting killed for our nation. The WWF has not toned down one bit on the angle. McMahon will not stop in his attempt to make millions off of this war. I know people are saying things like, "It's only wrestling and it's always been this way." This still does not make it right. If this turns into a ground war, it could cost more lives than any other. When the families whose relatives have died are watching wrestling, the last thing they want to see is Sgt. Slaughter showing how Saddam Hussein has sent him new ring boots. What's next, calling Hogan's clotheslines "tomahawk missiles". When he drops the leg are they going to start saying "he nuked him"? Vince, you should be ashamed, you've done alot of rotten things before, but this one takes the cake.

B.J. Connerton
Newport, RI

Guerre de Plume

It's a small point, really. Not like the Ryan-Levine "parking lot" controversy, nor like the war between Dave and Vince in the National. But if I don't get it out in the open, I'm not going to get any sleep, and I will be late for work, and I'll lose my job, and everyone's taxes will have to go up in order to pay for my welfare benefits. So, here goes.

Re' Rodney Leighton's "bashing" of Meltzer, Bowdren, Mullins, Klon, and yourself in the 1/15 edition of Rasslin' Riot (and your own frying of Rodney's butt in the 2/4 issue of "AR" for doing so), I'd like to point out that I do not think the Canadian Hot Rod was bashing this American dude when he wrote, "...I hear the guy who don't trust me (anymore) had to ASK!!! to get (his piece printed in the "AR" Annual...", followed by, "Listen Jeff: ain't you got any balls (for having to ask)?"

Since "trust" has never been an issue one way or the other between the "Rodman" and me, and maybe it was that other Jeff (Zinger) who had to get on HIS knees and beg (ala Sherri Martel at the Royal Rumble) to have his piece printed in the Annual, it is possible that I was not one of Rod's targets, especially since this Jeff (Mullins) was contacted by one of "AR's own little mushroom eating elves (Guess Who?) and was invited to contribute to the Annual, not vice versa. (Not that having to "ask" is really THAT much of a crime, at least not down here in the states.) There, now I feel better and I can get some

Zzz's, get to work on time, keep my job, stay off welfare, and I owe it all to you Ron, for allowing me to clear up this matter in "AR" where, son of a gun, it all started in the first place. Thanks, bud.

Jeff Mullins
San Jose, CA

RL- The mushroom eater did tell me the other day that he asked you to write something for the Annual. He wanted it to be a surprise to me when I got your column. But I guess I ruined the surprise by saying something that I didn't think was any big deal. So if there is any heel in any of this, it is I.

"AR"

I, along with all your other loyal subscribers, waited an extra two weeks for what was supposed to be a double shot of our beloved Arena Report. But, when it finally arrived on my doorstep, instead of bringing loads of results and insider info, it brought me--kicking 'n' screaming all the way, I assure you--straight into a squabble between one of your female staffers and some dork from another newsletter.

So this woman has only just discovered that we ladies around the ring are universally suspect with the motives behind our coming to the biz usually assumed to lie somewhere south of our belly buttons? Well, surprise, surprise... BIG, Freakin SURPRISE! Where's she been? And would she like to tell me about it? Of course this is true. And it sucks. But what to do?

Please tell this lady to realize that, just because of the nature of the business we're in, a disproportionate number of those we meet are folks with real needs. All one has to do is take a look around: see all the moral bankrupts, the mental midgets, and the social morons. And, too, there are all those sexually-at-sea beings one meets at the arenas.

I guess what I'm really saying is that this lady should simply consider the source and, when hit with unfair shit, reckon that the real reason for her "male" detractors discomfort has little to do with her, but would be better resolved if these "men" were to take a peek inside their own pants.

But, meanwhile, this lady would better prove her point by acting like the pro she professes to be and giving her readers the WRESTLING column they have the right to expect.

Please don't mind too much if I give you a bit of unasked for advise. The first thing you have to do is decide on a format. (RL- This is directed to Ron Lemieux.) And, after deciding what "AR" is all about, you must stick to your guns unto the death. If, as I thought until very recently, it's a letter for super smart fans, than keep it as such. But the focus of your publication cannot vary per the whims of your individual columnists. I don't expect much from Evan Ginzburg. I mean, hey, this is the guy who really believes that Sammartino was and is an honest-to-goobers legend, while Backlund was only so-so. So okay, this "smart" fan ain't all that smart. But has he now brought his column, and, so, your publication, into the business of hyping "friendly" promotions? What I mean is that Mr. Ginzburg ever so kindly offered a "report" on the UWF's debut in New York wherein he put this group over to the point one has to wonder if he's on the group's payroll....but he left out the fact that the group ended up having to cancel one of its' cards, while the two parties--"receptions" were what UWF office boys called them--were so poorly attended, it was embarrassing.

Is this how little I can rely on "AR" to tell me what's really happening?

Excuse me son, but you must shit or get off the pot. If "AR" is an insider sheet, than it must be so....regardless the feelings of best friends, fellow reporters, or even dear old mom.

Then, too, in this very same issue (I think), your correspondent from Georgia let it be known that he'd worked an independant card in his home state...but neglected to tell us anything else about that event. While I was thrilled for this young man, I would have liked to know a little about the rest of the night as well.

You, too, must consider the source. And when you do, you should be able to see that I have no ax to grind, but really mean to be helpful and, if I can, aid you in bringing Arena Report back to the A#1 publication I now miss so much.

Name Withheld

Hardcore Interest

Klon raised a valid point in his last column and I'd like to elaborate on it. Klon feels WCW has the hardcores wrapped up, so it doesn't matter what angles they run. He is exactly right, but this just touches the surface of deeper problems. Anyone who reads the sheets can tell there is a definite bias involving the two U.S. promotions. However, I think the bias was originally an anti-WWF bias that turned a pro-WCW one. Hardcores sick of the circus felt that any alternative must be better than Titan. This was a valid viewpoint back when WCW had a crew of great workers and talented performers in 1989. Taking a glance at WCW today, this is not the case. The product at house shows is poor and the group has had little if any real direction for the past year.

However, the hardcores still attend cards and watch TV shows and order the PPVs. It doesn't matter what WCW is running, the hardcores will buy it. I believe the reason is not necessarily because WCW is the best organization, but that it offers the hardcores the most hope. Americans love cheering for the underdog also.

When watching Titan, hardcores know there is virtually zero chance of seeing a great match. Conversely, WCW offered hope of a great match, maybe several on a card. This hope really hasn't been there for awhile. Call me a Sims-ian, but Ric Flair does not have great matches anymore. A good worker, in my opinion, introduces new moves every so often, and Flair's matches are as stale as week-old, or in this case, decade old bread.

All of this leads up to my final point. The fact that both products suck has led to not only decreased attendance figures but even the smart fans are becoming disinterested. This should scare Vince and Herd more than anything. Examples of it are everywhere: Bowdren's self-fulfilling prophecy in Torch, sheets folding, Mullins dropping hints about it in his last Sushi, Kunkel taking time off. This is all a result of the crap that's being passed off as wrestling.

Maybe Bruce Mitchell is right. Maybe we should thank Vince McMahon, as tasteless as this angle is, for putting interest back into wrestling with the Slaughter angle. It has definatly been a burning sheet issue that has probably kept a few hardcores in the business. If nothing else, it has enlivened the sheets and wrestling world again after a God-awful 1996. So, here's to not losing any more hardcores and to a brighter future for wrestling.

Eric Krol
Orland Hills, IL

Questions

What is Sunshine the old manager of World Class doing now? And what is Alexandra York's background?

Bob Luedke
Passaic, NJ

RL- I've asked numerous people about Sunshine but no one has any idea what she's up to. Maybe the Lone Star Scorpion can help me out. Ms. York has no wrestling background. She was the NWA 's makeup girl before she was "promoted" to head of the York Foundation.

Wonder Years

Now that Missy Hyatt is going out with TV's "The Wonder Years" 18 year old Jason Hervey, is there any truth to the rumor that Alexandra York is looking to add an even younger Fred Savage (from the same show) to her personal York Foundation?

J.Z. Travis
Woodstock, ONT

RL- How come I want to vomit every time I hear Missy is dating that little puke.

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Gill.....Missy Hyatt came out on the Rick Dees show last Friday when Jason Hervey was a guest. It was revealed that were dating. I've lost all respect for my #1 female in wrestling....You have to admit. Some of the stuff on Prime Time is pretty funny. You have to look at it as comedy and not wrestling. I could do without the slapstick though. And the bathroom humor is fine if you're in a comedy club with people over 18 but not with kids in the audience... Steve Beverly puts out one of the best newsletters on the market with Matwatch. The rates are \$5.00 for five issues or \$10.00 for 11 issues. Highest "AR" recommendation.....Evan Ginzburg has upcoming interviews in Wrestling-Then & Now with John Tolos and Lou Albano. You don't want to miss them. Price is \$1.25 per issue at P.O. Box 471, Oakland Gardens Station, Flushing, NY 11364. How come no one picked up my Don Leo Johnathon result in my taping results. Siegel slipped that one in on me when I took a bathroom break.

Well, that's it from here. Eric Krol wanted me to plug some Simpson shows he was looking for but my wife cleaned my office and it was on the floor so out it went. Sorry Eric. She hates the Simpsons anyway. Probably did it on purpose. Send me the info again. Until next time. See yaaaa'.

Ron